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Fall 2013
Sept., Oct., Nov.

The Delmar, Maryland Municipal Primary Election for one (1) Mayor and two (2) Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. Qualified voters may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

Mayor and Commissioners
Town of Delmar, Maryland
2013 Primary Election Calendar

Deadline- Candidacy Filing

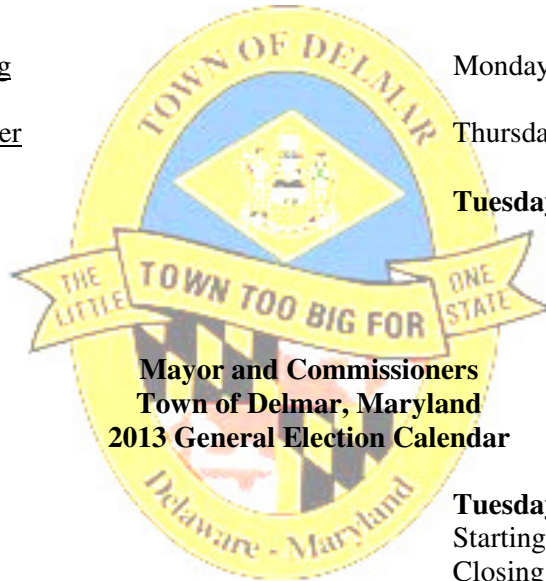
Monday, September 9, 2013

Deadline- Voters to Register

Thursday, September 17, 2013

Primary Election Date
4th Tuesday in September.

Tuesday, September 24, 2013



Mayor and Commissioners
Town of Delmar, Maryland
2013 General Election Calendar

Date of Election
3rd Tuesday in November

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Starting at 7:00 a.m.
Closing at 7:00 p.m.
Or until last person in line
at close of doors has voted.

Qualifications for Mayor and Commission Member are as follows:

- (a) A resident of the United States and of the State of Maryland and a resident of the Town of Delmar, Maryland for at least two (2) years preceding the municipal elections;
- (b) Be at least 21 years of age
- (c) Each of the qualifications for Town Commissioner and Mayor shall be continuing qualifications to hold office and the failure of any of the Commissioners or the Mayor to have any of the qualifications required by the above during the terms of his/her office will create a vacancy in the office.

Certificates of Candidacy must be completed at the Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. no later than Monday, September 9, 2013. No person shall file for nomination to more than one (1) elective office at a time.
All candidates filing to be a Delmar Elected Official must comply with the Town's Ethic Ordinance #724, Section 5(Financial Disclosure)

To be eligible to vote in this upcoming municipal election, persons must be at least 18 years of age, and who has resided in the Town of Delmar, Maryland and the State of Maryland for at least six (6) months preceding the day of the election and must register at Town Hall. Registration is from

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Delmar, MD.
Registration deadline is Thursday, September 17, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Please contact Town Hall with any questions at (302)846-2664 or (410)896-2777, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

WICOMICO COUNTY TO LAUNCH CITIZEN WARNING/ALERT SIREN SYSTEM

Alert system will go into effect on September 11th

Wicomico County Executive Rick Pollitt and the Department of Emergency Services announce the implementation of a new Citizen Warning/Alert Siren System. The warning system is designed to alert residents and visitors of Wicomico County about an imminent hazard to include weather-related danger such as a tornado warning.

The specific emergency alerts will be broadcast over any or all of the 13 sirens located at local fire departments and the two maintained by the Wicomico County Department of Emergency Services. Wicomico's siren system can be activated for either the entire county or for specific affected areas. In the event of an imminent hazard the alert tone – which differs from fire station alarms – will sound for a sustained 2 minutes. When the sirens sound, citizens should seek shelter immediately and then tune into local news media for additional information. Citizens should not call 9-1-1 to determine the hazard causing the activation.

“The siren system will be used to alert citizens of an imminent hazard,” said David Shipley, Director of Emergency Services for Wicomico County, “September is National Preparedness Month. It's a great opportunity to talk with your children and elderly parents to ensure they know proper procedures.”

A tornado warning means that a tornado has been sighted or that a developing tornado is reported by trained spotters or indicated on Doppler radar. A warning is typically issued for a small area for less than an hour. Wicomico County's sirens do not sound an “All Clear” tone, so consult the news media to learn when the danger has lifted.

The Department of Emergency Services strongly suggests citizens purchase a NOAA Weather All-Hazards Radio. NOAA Weather All Hazards Radios (NWR) are a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official weather service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24/7 providing comprehensive weather and emergency information.

Frequently Asked Questions?

What is the Citizen Alert/Warning Siren System?

The warning system is designed to alert residents and visitors of Wicomico County about imminent hazards. The specific emergency alerts will be broadcast over any or all of the 13 sirens located at local fire departments and the two maintained by the Wicomico County Department of Emergency Services. In the event of an imminent hazard, the alert tone will sound for a sustained 2 minutes.

Why do the sirens go off every first Monday?

They are tested at 7:30pm the first Monday of every month. During the monthly test, the siren emits a single 10 second sustained alert tone. Residents should use this test as an opportunity to review emergency procedures.

In the event of a disaster, the alert tone will sound for a sustained 2 minutes.

What if I hear the siren at another time?

If you hear the siren at a time other than its regular tests on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm:

- Stay calm
- Stop what you are doing
- Seek shelter immediately
- Tune into local news media for additional information
- Avoid using the telephone. Do not call 9-1-1, unless you have a life-threatening emergency
- Wicomico County's sirens do not sound an "All Clear" tone, so consult the news media to learn when the danger has lifted

The Wicomico County Department of Emergency Services will be posting severe weather awareness tips and information on its [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WicomicoCountyEmergencyServices?ref=hl) page:

<https://www.facebook.com/WicomicoCountyEmergencyServices?ref=hl>

2013 Delmar Heritage Day Celebration

The 2013 Delmar Heritage Day will be celebrated on Saturday, September 21st. The day's activities, events and food vendors will be located in the downtown business district. The opening ceremony is slated to begin at 9:00 am. There will be a re-enactment of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address performed by Dr. Arthur North accompanied by Mathew Brady (Civil War photographer) portrayed by John DeBerardi and Union soldiers at the Caboose. There will be a car show at the Town Hall parking lot hosted by the Eastern Shore Region of the Antique Automobile of America. The ribbon cutting for the new Public Safety Building will take place along with tours of the facility. There will also be live musical and dance performances. Youthful attendees will be treated to air brush face painting by Sunshine Entertainment (see their website) as well as a magic show. Fireworks will close the celebration at 8:00 pm at the Mason-Dixon Park. More event details and times will be posted on the Town website, at Town Hall and the library by the last week of August. There will also be flyers at participating businesses and local news media. Plan to attend and bring your friends. Come join us for a fun-filled day of activities, entertainment and fellowship for all ages.

Community Revitalization Project

The Delmar Office of Community Development will submit an application on behalf of the Town for funding to replace the deteriorating and unsafe playground equipment removed from the Mason-Dixon Sport Complex play area.

Community Development Block Grants

Delmar Delaware and Maryland low-moderate income resident/occupant homeowners living inside Town limits who are interested in applying for housing rehab assistance should contact William Hardin, Community Development Coordinator at 302-846-2664 ext. 103 for additional program information and to obtain an application.

William Hardin
Community Development Coordinator

Notice From Public Works



Fire Hydrant Flushing will occur on Friday, October 26, 2013, starting at 9:00 p.m. and lasting until completion. Low water pressure and/or

discoloration may be experienced temporarily. We suggest storing water in advance for this period and we apologize in advance.

Town Hall Holiday Closings
Monday, Sept. 2, 2013- Labor Day
Thursday & Friday, Nov. 28&29-
Thanksgiving

Change in Meeting Dates and Times

Effective July 1, 2013, The Town Council and Commission has changed monthly meetings as follows:

1st Monday of the Month-

Public Works 6:00 pm

Utility Commission 6:30 pm

Mayor & Council (DE) 7:00 pm

2nd Monday of the Month-

Police Commission 6:00 pm

Mayor & Commissioners (MD) 7:00 pm

Thursday Before the Last Monday

Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm

*Joint Council meetings will no longer be held on a monthly bases. Joint Council meetings will occur on an as needed schedule.

Senior Discount on Taxes

Delmar property owners who meet the following qualifications can apply to receive a **5% discount** on their annual property taxes:

1) One of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years of age by March 1st of the year the application is filed.

2) As of March 1st, they are the sole owners of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of the 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes for the owners and that the property taxes are current.

The application **MUST** accompany payment to receive the discount. If you send your tax bill to your mortgage company to pay your taxes, the application **MUST** be remitted with your payment in order to receive your discount.

Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30, 2013 or after initial payment has been received and processed.

The discount is on property taxes only; this **DOES NOT** apply to the garbage fee. There is an application included within this newsletter that can be filled out and returned **WITH** your tax payment.

Be aware of everything Delmar...you can see our comments and post your own on Facebook (www.facebook.com/townofdelmar), visit our website (www.townofdelmar.us) or email us (delmartownhall@verizon.net).

Mosquito Control

Warmer temperatures have arrived and soon we will be seeing our pesky friends, the mosquitoes. The Town of Delmar has contracts with both Delaware Mosquito Control and Wicomico County Mosquito Control. Both agencies have been contracted to monitor and control mosquito infestation within the town limits of Delmar. While we are taking every precaution possible to prevent mosquito infestation, there may still be times when additional spraying is needed.

If you notice an increase in mosquito population, please contact Starr Conaway, CMC at Delmar Town Hall, 302-846-2664 or 410-896-2777, ext. 101. Please have the following information available:

- Is there any standing water on the property in question?
- Are the mosquitoes biting during the day or in the evening?
- How long have you noticed that the mosquitoes are biting?

It is virtually impossible to completely rid the Town of all mosquitoes, so here are a few things to consider.

Here are a few tips to help eliminate common backyard mosquito breeding:

- Clean and filter swimming pools
- Cover or drain open boats
- Clear clogged rain gutters
- Fix broken window and door screens
- Stock ponds with mosquito larva eating fish
- Tip anything that can hold water for more than a few days
- Recycle used tires
- Fix leaky watering equipment
- Flush and refill birdbaths one time per week

- Fill in holes in yard where water puddles

To help protect you from mosquito bites:

- Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing
- Use insect repellent with no more than 35 percent DEET for adults and less than 10 percent for children
- Avoid fragrances in soaps, shampoos, and lotions
- Citronella candles and be useful when you are outdoors during peak biting times
- Skedaddle and Avon's Skin So Soft both work well for some kids. Neither these nor the stronger repellents stop mosquitoes from landing -- only from biting
- Use Bounce Fabric Softener Sheets--just wipe on and go. This is great for babies
- Mosquitoes love bananas! There is something about how your body processes the banana oil that attracts these female sugar-loving insects
- One of the best natural insect repellents is Vick's Vaporub®
- Planting marigolds around your yard works great as a bug repellent because the flowers give off a fragrance bugs do not like
- Campers agree that the very best mosquito repellent is Avon Skin-So-Soft® bath oil mixed half and half with rubbing alcohol

Community Love Light Tree

A new holiday tradition for our community... Honor loved ones this holiday season by donating a light or string of lights on the

Community Love Light tree

The hope is that this event will bring our community closer together this year and for many years to come.

Your tax deductible donation will not only honor your loved ones and decorate the tree, but will also contribute to the many ministries of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church.

These ministries include:

- Christian Kitchen
- Harvest Ministries

- Christian Shelter
- Pregnancy Center
- Appalachia
- Samaritan's Purse
- American Cancer Society
- Campus Crusade
- Unicef
- Delmar Ministerium
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- Delmar Wellness Pantry

Community Love Light Tree Dedication Ceremony

A dedication ceremony for the Community Love Light Tree will be

held on **Sunday, December 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at State Street Park, Delmar, DE. *Rain date is Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm.**



Refreshments will be served at the Park. The names of those who have been honored by a light dedication will be displayed at the dedication ceremony.

A minimum of \$5.00 per light is requested. Larger gifts are welcome !!

White Light(s) in memory of someone who has passed

Green Light(s) in honor of someone still living

Red Light(s) in honor of Fire Fighter(s)

Blue Light(s) in honor of Police Officer(s)

Yellow Light(s) in honor of Military

Orange Light(s) in honor of Pet(s)

Pink Light(s) in honor of those with Breast Cancer

Order forms are at Town Hall or can be gotten through the following web sites:

www.ststephensumc.com or www.facebook.com/delmarststephens.

Place your Love Light order by November 25, 2013. Orders may be placed after this date, however recognition of Honoree(s) cannot be

guaranteed in time for the dedication ceremony.

Delmar Dash

The second annual Delmar Dash will be held on Saturday October 26th, 2013 at 9am. The 5k Run/ 1 Mile Walk will start at the clubhouse and course through the beautiful neighborhood of Woodcreek before ending at the post race party in the clubhouse lot! The course has been changed from last year and promises to be a fast, flat, well marked course! T-shirts will be available to all participants registered before Sept. 27th. The cost of the 5k is \$20 and the 1 Mile walk is \$15. Just as last year, students will be \$15! Proceeds will go back in to our Delmar community helping local charitable organizations! Come out for a morning of friends, food, fitness and fun! Register online at

http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2107991

Delmar Homecoming Game and Parade

The Delmar School District will be holding its' Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 11:00 am. The parade will begin on Pennsylvania Avenue, making a right onto State Street, a left at the light, and a right onto Lincoln Avenue ending at the High School.

At 1:30 p.m. the Delmar Football Team will be playing their Homecoming Game.

Delmar Public Library



The Library is beginning in its service to the Town of Delmar as we design our new community library building, adding 10,000 square feet to the existing building.

Tentatively scheduled to open in 2015, the library will have more space for computer use, for collaborative work, tutoring, small and large group meetings, as well as more space for collections and programs. Our capital campaign is underway. If you'd like the opportunity to help build our new library, contact Susan Uphole at the Library at 302-846-9894 or members of the Library Board of Commissioners. Information will also be available at the Library's booth during the Heritage Day celebration on September 21st.

The Friends of the Delmar Public Library will hold their **book sale** in the Hayman Meeting Room beginning Thursday, September 19 through Saturday, September 21st.

The Library Board of Commissioners holds its public meetings in the Hayman Meeting Room on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Fall meetings are scheduled for Sept. 24, Oct. 22, and Nov. 26 at 7pm. The meeting agenda is posted at the Library prior to the meeting. Programs for children, teens, and adults are scheduled throughout the Fall. Visit the Library for more information or call 302-846-9894.

The Delmar Library will be closed on Sept. 2, Oct. 3 and 14, Nov. 11, 28 and 29.

Moving Closer to Home Ministries Fall Celebration

The Celebration will take place on Sept. 14th, from 10 am to 4 pm in State Street Park. Rain Date is October 5, 2013.

This year's focus is on Homeless and near Homeless, **People who need a Hand Up Not a Hand Out**

There will be booths, games, popcorn, prizes, face painting, silent and chinese auction, raffles, treasure hunt Toy Drive for Santa's Workshop & a Food Drive.

Everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Linda Grove at Moving Closer to Home Ministries at 202 W. State St., Delmar, DE. or call 443-359-5554.

TOWN OF DELMAR-DE/MD
Application for Senior Citizen Discount

Owner (s): _____

Property Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Tax ID: _____

(Can be completed by Town Hall Employee)

THE APPLICANTS DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM:

1. That one of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years by March 1st of the year the application is filed.
2. That as of March 1st they are the sole owner of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and that property taxes are current.

I hereby swear and affirm that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and further understand that a false declaration in this application will subject me to the penalties provided by the law for perjury.

Signature

Date

Form **MUST** accompany payment to receive discount.

Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30th or after initial payment has been received and processed. The allowed discount **is 5% of the Property Taxes** only. **This does not apply to the garbage fee.** If your taxes are paid through escrow by your mortgage company, please complete this form and forward it to your mortgage company with your tax bill. Applications will not be sent directly to the mortgage companies. If you have any questions pertaining to this application please call (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664, Extension 107.

Attention Mortgage Companies: Please include application when submitting payment for qualified residents.

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